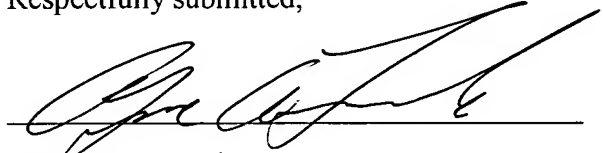


**REMARKS**

The present Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please note that claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 13-18 have been amended to remove reference numerals. No new matter is presented in the amendment of said claims. Newly submitted claims 20-36 contained herein are supported by the original application as filed, including the specification at page 12, line 7 through page 14, line 3 and Figures 3 and 4.

Examination of these claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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